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PREPARE FOR COMPULSORY EDUCATION SURVEY

Preparations are being made for a national survey of the school-age children in North Korea who will be subject to the Compulsory Education Law of the People's Republic when it goes into effect in September 1950. The survey is scheduled to be completed on 15 February, in accordance with the "Rules Governing the Survey of School-Age Children" prescribed on 24 January 1950 by the Ministry of Education and the National Planning Board, and approved by Cabinet Decision No 6.

A short training class, on survey methods as set forth by the above rule, will be conducted for the survey directors, who, after completing the class, will be sent to various localities where each will train field-survey personnel. The political and national significance of the program will be stressed in the training, and the surveyors will be instructed not to make such errors as omissions and duplications. Schoolteachers will be mobilized for the project during the after-school hours and week ends. They are also instructed to investigate, as a part of the survey, the pupils who are currently enrolled but are not attending school regularly, and advise them to return to schools.

The schoolteachers will undertake a major part of the field surveys, but the cooperation of local political and social organizations will be solicited. The Preparatory Committee for Compulsory Education will also dispatch its own interviewers and statisticians to each survey district. The period from 5 to 9 February is designated as the preliminary survey period, during which the list of school-age children will be prepared. The door-to-door survey will be conducted from 10 through 15 February. Two interviewers will visit each family, registering the birth certificate, school enrollment certificate for those who are currently enrolled, health certificate, etc., of each child. To prevent omissions and duplications, the records will uniformly show the conditions as of 0100, 15 February 1950. After completion of the survey, the surveyors will exchange their records and check each other's records to insure absolute accuracy.

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